



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD INTERPRETATION  
RESTRICTED LICENSE**

The Board has been presented with requests for clarification of a certain provision in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act requiring a Restricted License for presenters and/or attendees of physical therapy workshops and lectures.

Section 13-314 of the Act requires a Restricted License for presenters and attendees who "practice physical therapy in connection with:

- (1) Giving lectures or workshops on physical therapy, or
- (2) Taking any short term physical therapy study course that is approved by the Board."

The practice of physical therapy is defined at Health Occupations Section 13-101(i) and includes the evaluation and treatment of patients or clients. The Board does not consider course or workshop attendees to be "patients or clients". Therefore, if a course does not involve the evaluation or treatment of a patient, the presenter and/or attendee's do not require a Restricted License. In other words, if an instructor is demonstrating a skill on a course attendee, or course attendees are practicing a skill on each other, a Restricted License is not necessary.

Board Vote: December 21, 2010